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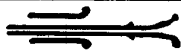



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Welcome... Beloved Companion

Thou art welcome within the portals of Mayanry
Before you the Book of Secrets shall be opened *
The pages shall be explained to you 
The mysteries revealed, one by one * * * *
Until at last, the Supreme Mystery of all *
Is laid bare, and you will approach Mastery *
We invite You to partake of our Good Wisdom
And to help yourself freely 
The gold of the Mayans is given you * *
Golden Knowledge, Riches of Wisdom, 
They are yours, partake, drink deeply * * *
You are now one of us, Companioned + +
All for one, and one for all; The Mayans 

Master All Your Abilities Now

INTRODUCTION TO THE MAYAN WAY OF LIFE

Dear Friend:

These introductory words might be considered a kind of threshold to the very rich and rewarding experience that awaits you as you feed upon the life revelations you will find in the Revelation Lessons to come. It might be considered an introduction to a system of thinking and a way of living, which, like a new friend, may seem strange to you at the beginning, but later will be recognized as a treasured blessing.

This foreword is written with a double purpose; first, to prepare you to make the most of this work; and, second, to protect you from the strangeness of a new approach to things until the strangeness begins to be replaced with familiarity. It may mean very much to you later that you were prevented from abandoning these studies before you began to realize their value.

You expect much of this course of study and the fellowship it involves. It is well to expect much of any good thing, for strong expectation is a facet of faith, a positive attitude that is one of the things to be cultivated into a habit. You are leaving behind you the "No" of life, which never got you anything, and are beginning to live the "Yes" life, which leads to all true happiness and good. You are starting to keep the red ink off the pages of the ledger of life, and expectation is the first step. So here are a few things it is desirable for you to realize even before you begin.

1. Remember that this is the beginning of a new and different experience. You cannot judge or measure it by anything else you have known. As you go along, you will find it in line with the best human thought and knowledge; but, unless you have carried on such studies before, it may take you a few lessons to adapt your mind to it. Learning a new way of thinking and a new approach to life requires patience enough to push on through the first puzzling pages until you begin to get the "feel" of it and to experience the lift, the expansion of consciousness, the illumination it brings.

2. The results of this study are cumulative. They build up like a rolling snowball. They grow like a tree from an acorn. They increase like money at compound interest. But remember that all these processes of growth require time. You do not plant a seed and expect it to yield a harvest without care and cultivation. Maturity and harvest do come - provided you have patience and do the things necessary to growth, one of these things being the ability to wait. No one who abandoned the field after the seeding ever harvested a crop.

3. At first, the value of the preliminary study may not be clear to you, but, in re-reading it after you have progressed along the Path, you will realize the foundation it is building. That is true of any study. There are certain foundations to lay before one gets to the meat of any subject. The value of a book on soil preparation and planting becomes obvious when the results of following its instructions are reaped. The rewards awaiting you when the principles advanced in this early study have become a part of you are many. The first step - the first few steps - may seem strange and even baffling, but that is very natural, for they begin a life-changing process you have never before experienced.

4. With a completely open and expectant mind, study the material carefully - give it an honest test. Without that, you cannot evaluate it properly. You have decided to undertake this study and you have your reasons for doing so. Perhaps you wanted to make your life mean more - perhaps you wanted to begin over. In any case, you were led and you were honest about it. Now follow through. From the very first of your instructions, think everything through to a conclusion, and then put it into practice. Put it to a laboratory test, so to speak, and remember that in a laboratory the technicians never stop with just one test, or a few. You may get immediate results - a great many students do - and if you are one of these, be grateful, for most people get them only after several or many trials. But it is of great importance to begin at once, and to follow through.

5. You will discover as you get into this work that the material is highly concentrated. An amazing amount of meaning is packed into each lesson, and you do not measure its depth at first glance. You cannot skim over this material and get its full benefit. You may not master all of the lessons quickly. Some take more thought and effort. Study each sentence meditatively and with concentration. Go over it point by point, repeating the process from time to time as your understanding grows. The mind, like the body, can assimilate only so much food at one time. As a new truth is received into your consciousness you will feel a thrill of power. Study these lessons thus. Remember it will take time, but understanding will come much sooner than you think, if you study earnestly.

6. The time it takes anything to develop and mature is one measure of its value and importance. It doesn't take long to grow a squash, and even less time to grow a mushroom; but it takes a long time to grow a tree. Anything you can do quickly and easily is of temporary value. So give this life-changing program time. Get it started, take care of it, keep it going, and leave the rate of growth to the nature of things. If day by day in every way you find life more adequate, be content and keep on. Remember that you must first overcome conditions that have been years in the making. The little improvements today that you may even overlook are, in reality, milestones - as you will see when you look back later from a higher point along the Path of enlightenment.

7. It may be that you will experience moments of discouragement in the early stages of your study, but do not be alarmed for this is natural when beginning any new project. Look for the "little" improvements each day, remembering that the time will come when you realize how much you have gained. You are setting out to find faith and use its power. From that point, you will go on and learn and do many other things. But to learn faith, you must have patience, persistence and determination. More and more you will realize that this emphasis is correct. This course of study and practice is a progress, and faith is the means to progress to points the eye cannot see and the feet cannot reach. Faith is a bridge Belief

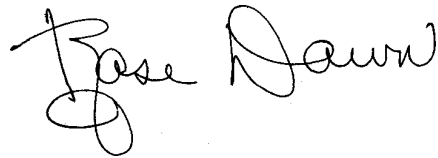
builds out into seeming nothingness, and which it keeps building toward infinity. It builds reality out of seeming unreality. It connects your life with the divine resources. Its importance cannot be overemphasized. In the final analysis, you will find that your life consists of what you have believed. The Key to the greatness of Abraham, who was probably a descendent of the Atlanteans, was expressed thus - simply, "Abraham believed God".

This introduction to your work has been for the purpose of helping you make the mental adjustment that is necessary if you are to get the greatest benefit from this and other lessons you will receive. It is for the purpose of helping you establish a receptive point of view, for it is only by a spirit of acceptance that the true value of Mayan teachings can find expression in your life.

Now I, as your leader, give you the first of your Revelation Lessons as the first step in your climb toward the attainment of worthy hopes and ambitions.

Fraternally yours,

Supreme Leader
The Mayan Order

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rose Dawn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name of the Supreme Leader.

THE FIRST REVELATION

Beloved Companion:

I, as your leader, welcome you into our blessed Order. May you be blessed with understanding. May you be blessed with Faith, by which will come the fulfillment of your worthy desires. Peace be unto you.

As you read these lines, the gates of Knowledge are opened wide to you. You have crossed the mystic threshold into the Inner Circle of Mayanry, which none but the chosen may enter. It is a solemn step - a most important step toward the fulfillment of your higher destiny. Your feet are implanted on the path that leads to the attainment of a fuller life . . . greater heights of success and happiness, and the blessedness of peace - peace of mind and of soul. All of this is ahead of you through Mental Mastery, as will be taught to you as you develop in your quest for higher knowledge.

As a new member, you have been presented with a Membership Card. In addition to attesting to your membership in The Mayan Order, it also serves as a record of your dues payments. You will find on your card a phrase in an ancient tongue, "Vade Mecum, Volventibus Annis". This means in the fullest sense, "Go with me (constant companion) through the years". It has in it the root of our word "voluntary". That is, this is a companionship of choice. Memorize this phrase and its translation:

"VADE MECUM, VOLVENTIBUS ANNIS"

"Go with me (constant companion) through the years."

Companionship gives you two priceless things - deliverance from aloneness, and the power of living and working with others toward a common purpose. Reflect much on this phrase. You will find that its values multiply.

Should you know a Mayan or have occasion to meet one, your membership card will introduce you. He will note your grade from it. Should he wish to challenge you, he will merely ask you the meaning of this phrase. Your reply to the challenge, at this stage of your instructions, is merely to give the translation. From this day forward, Mayans, wherever you meet them, will respect the card you hold. Henceforth you will be considered a Mayan forever, by all Mayans everywhere.

This does not mean, however, that the Order can continue extending all of its benefits should you neglect your obligations. The Law is "Give and Ye Shall Receive". The Order lives by that law and expects its honored members to do likewise, for in no other way can you receive anything. In life, we get nothing "free". We must earn, in one way or another, everything we ever receive. This is not a truth merely because we say it is or because anyone says it is. It is simply Truth - a Life Principle. It is Nature's Law. Observe it and you will receive much.

You are now a "Traveler on the Path" - the path that, if you persevere in following, leads to Sublime Illumination. The Mayan Path takes you, a "Wanderer in the Darkness", out of the "Primeval Forest" to "The Place". This is a place of preparation "At the Foot of the Pyramid", then up its face to the peak where you witness "The Dawn". Upon receiving this Illumination you become a "Dweller in the Temple".

You have entered the Portals of Knowledge. Leave the world and its pettiness outside. Know this:

That in being admitted to membership in The Mayan Order you have been honored in a very special way. It is an honor many seek but few attain. Other honors await you as you advance on "The Path".

Upon concluding your primary instructions, certain signs will be given you for identification. As you advance in your studies, other signs will be given to you, and honorary degrees attesting to your progress will be bestowed on you.

As one beginning the Mayan way of life, you will be interested in knowing the various Orders of Membership. They are as follows:

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| THE ORDER OF BELOVED COMPANIONS: | In which Three Degrees are received. You are taught to surmount the tribulations of an "unfeeling world". When you complete this grade, your major trials and problems in life should be mastered. You are superior to them. |
| THE ORDER OF TRUE COMPANIONS: | Your trials being over - having risen over them - you come into the Order of True Companions (Tried and True). |
| THE ORDER OF WORTHY COMPANIONS: | Passing through the Order of Tried and True, you become eligible for Worthy Companionship. |
| THE ORDER OF TRUSTED COMPANIONS: | Companions in this Grade are Trusted with the Mayans' deepest secrets and the highest mysteries within their present understanding. |
| THE ORDER OF HONORED COMPANIONS: | The possessors of the deepest secrets and the highest mysteries are honored for their wisdom, not only by Mayans but by all understanding people everywhere. |
| THE ORDER OF EXALTED COMPANIONS: | Honored Mayans become Exalted by "the works that they do". |
| THE ORDER OF NOBLE COMPANIONS: | Exalted by "the works that they do" this Order of Mayans becomes truly Noble. |

The sacred and mystic number Seven, as given in the Revelation of St. John, governs these Seven Holy Orders. Higher grades than these exist and extend

to a Most Sublime Degree wherein are only the Masters. For this reason, you will learn more about the higher orders later, but from the Beginner to the most Advanced, all are Companions on the Path. You who have started on The Path in this grade will henceforth be addressed as Beloved Companions and, as such, you are to so consider yourselves among all Mayans, for to such as you has been said:

"That the Father loves you, with a love
that Surpasseth all Understanding."

As this is true, then surely are ye Beloved. Companionship is a high manifestation of "The True Brotherhood of Man". It is above lust, above greed, above selfishness.

"Your Father knoweth that ye have need . . . and all these things (that you need) shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourself with bags that wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

- St. Luke 12:30-34

These words do not mean as commonly supposed, that you will receive your reward in the hereafter only. They also mean HERE and NOW. The bags you are to provide, "which wax not old" mean the Mind. For your mind never fails, it doesn't wear out or grow old, or empty - "The Treasure faileth not". When you learn, as the Mayans teach you "the way" to receive, no one can take it from you nor will it be destroyed, as are worldly things, by the ravages of time. The last line of the quotation means simply this: Your heart and your greatest treasure are both within you and the treasure is - the Powers the Father Gave You.

The laws you will learn as you advance can bring you all good things through Faith, for it has been said, and truthfully so, that "Faith is the first essential and the last". So it is with Mayanry. You must have faith. To reap the harvest of good that Mayanry holds for you, you must have faith first, last, and always. Do not struggle for faith. To struggle will only make its attainment the more difficult. Simply believe. In the beginning, just give the instructions a simple trust, accept them confidently and expectantly. Then the truths they hold will pour into your mind and consciousness like the blessings they are. Science can explain the miracles these instructions can attain, but science alone cannot accomplish them.

I know your problems. I know your difficulties and your doubts. I know that some of you will have difficulty in throwing aside the habits of life in a material and distrustful world.

When I ask you to believe, to accept Mayan teachings in faith, I do so only because it will make it much easier for you to learn. You can not absorb the principles of Mayanry all at once, and until you get understanding you will miss much if you do not accept them with faith. Understanding comes easiest by absorbing bit by bit, slowly, step by step, these everlasting and sublime principles.

THE POWER OF FAITH

"Much knowledge is lost to us through want of faith."
- Heraclitus

"The steps of faith fall on the unseeming emptiness,
but find the rock beneath."
- Whittier

"Faith is the root of all blessings. Believe and ye
shall be saved; believe and ye cannot but be comfort-
ed and happy."
- Taylor

"Understanding in revealed truths is the mother of a
sacred knowledge. Understand not, therefore, that
thou mayest believe, but believe that thou mayest
understand. Understanding is the wages of a lively
faith."
- Quarles

"To believe is to be strong. Doubt cramps energy.
Belief is power."
- Robertson

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This and future lessons that will be transmitted to you are prepared for your entire class. In any class, some students are better prepared than others. So that all may learn in proportion to their present abilities, there will often be deeper truths concealed between the words of the actual lessons. These lessons will ONLY reveal themselves to those who think as they read.

If you find it difficult to understand any of the lessons as you go along, do not fret about it or become discouraged. Proceed with each lesson and later, when you go back to it, understanding will come. In studying, observe the following:

Arrange a certain hour for your studies. This is important. Make a habit of it. One can form good habits as well as negative ones. Seven o'clock to ten o'clock in the evening is the suggested time for members to study. With the sinking of the sun, Planetary influences seem to change, and between these hours, in most households, the hustle and bustle of the day's activities subside and relaxation is easier. If you cannot arrange your affairs at those particular hours, simply select a time that will be convenient - whether it is seven or eight or nine o'clock is not so important as is regularity. Make a habit of that hour. Make a habit of your study period - it will help you. If you were going to a University in the outer world, you would attend your classes punctually. Start by developing a sense of discipline of yourself and show the same punctuality.

Arrange so that you have a place to go for your studies where you will not be disturbed. It may be you do not have a special room for this purpose, but that the hour you have selected will insure privacy and lack of distraction. I realize this is something you must work out to fit your circumstances, but it is important for your growth that you be as free as possible of interruption during your study hour.

Arrange a comfortable chair and a good light to read by. If you are to have the fullest use of your mental faculties you should be comfortable physically and you must avoid eyestrain.

IMPORTANT: The first thing to learn, and this applies to all lessons you will receive, is this: Read everything that is sent to you, thoughtfully, at least TWICE. This does not mean that each sentence or paragraph should be read twice in succession. It does mean to read it carefully and thoughtfully, accepting it as you read and absorbing it - once. Then, later in the week, after a day or two has elapsed - go into your study, and carefully and thoughtfully read it again, until you are sure that you have grasped all of its meaning. Start now by remembering this, your first instruction, and remember to do this with all of your Revelation Lessons.

Do not be content with this, however. Follow up all pertinent thoughts suggested to you in the sentences composing each lesson. Think about your instructions many times each day. Apply what you learn to the situations that arise in your everyday life. Doing this alone will open up unused mental faculties for you. Be a MAYAN in everything you do. To go through the highest degrees of The Mayan Order, you must learn to think as you never thought before. Beyond - far beyond what you once believed to be your capacity for thinking - is the road to Mental Mastery.

The benefits of fraternal organizations have oftentimes been too much stressed so that membership is sometimes sought solely for personal and selfish gain, rather than for true brotherhood. For this reason, the Mayans do not stress this point nor display it alluringly. It is the intention and aim of the Mayans to prepare you so that no situation will ever confront you with which you are unable to cope. It is our desire that every Mayan will be so fully instructed in the principles of Mental Mastery that he or she will not only be able to rise above ordinary needs, but will be able to aid and minister to others.

This and all instructions you will receive - the letters of transmittal and Revelation Lessons - come to you as a gift. They are not for sale and cannot be purchased. There is no price set upon them. They are the property of The Mayans. They are loaned to you so that you may learn our accepted teachings in the privacy of your own home. You may keep them unless they are called for by the Order, but we must ask that you not show them to others outside your immediate family.

As to the benefits in Knowledge and Wisdom you derive from them, they are yours and it is good Mayan practice to share your blessings with others. For example; when you progress to the point where you can heal the sick, you are expected to do so, even to instruct others in these Mayan Principles, but the printed word is private and is not to be copied for others nor revealed to them. This and all subsequent texts are for the benefit of your class, to aid you to progress. We expect you, as a worthy Mayan to protect them.

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In recognition of your needs - here and now - we make no effort in the first part of your instruction to develop the subtler faculties of Mentalism. We strive first to impart a thorough groundwork in metaphysical teachings as applied

to healing, the attainment of material success and happiness, freeing you from negative habits. These are principles that you can use in attaining immediate benefits - physically, mentally and financially.

As you go deeper into the Mysteries - as you progress beyond the material struggle into the realm of pure mentalism - your subtler abilities will be examined and developed. Nothing in esoteric and mystical knowledge in our possession will be withheld from you. It will be given you freely and as it is felt you are capable and worthy of receiving; yet each step of the way you must do your part, you must prove yourself. The tests will be many but the sacrifices few.

"And the key of the house of David
will I lay upon his shoulder;
so he shall open, and none shall
shut; and he shall shut, and none
shall open."

- Isaiah 22:22 & Revelation 3:7

There are many "Revelations" ahead for you as a Mayan that should be the means of bringing you "the Life Abundant". You, no doubt, are eager to receive this higher Knowledge; yet a journey is made of many steps and only one step can be taken at a time. The instruction is arranged so that you can absorb it, instead of merely memorizing and repeating it; and, therefore, it is transmitted to you bit by bit. In this way, you experience a mental growth that comes so easily that at first you are unaware of it.

Scientists tell us that mighty glaciers once rolled down from the North and covered all of the Northern Hemisphere; yet they moved so slowly that movement was scarcely perceptible. Still, slowly as these glaciers moved, compared to the age of the earth, the Glacial Era was but a few days. Patience and persistence will be needed by you; but suddenly one day you will discover that you have begun to demonstrate Mental Mastery.

In lessons immediately ahead of you are instructions and revelations on many subjects of vital interest to you. Although they vary widely in character, they are concentrated on the single objective of helping you live a more successful, a happier life through proper use of the mental and spiritual forces you possess.

As a foundation for learning and a keystone to understanding, the nature and power of the Mind stand out importantly in all Mayan teachings. First, you will receive clear and understandable explanations of the nature of Mind - how it functions, the relationship between the conscious and sub-conscious minds, how freedom of thought affects the sub-conscious mind, and how it works to bring either good or bad into your life.

You will be shown the powers of Mind - how it can overcome fear and worry, how it can correct many physical ailments, how it can be turned into a positive force for good to give you more income, more friends, more happiness and better health. You will learn more about the mysteries of instinct, intuition, and the amazing power of suggestion. You will be given interesting exercises in imagination, determination, thought control, and exciting demonstrations of the power of

Mind over body, and supernatural demonstrations of mental forces.

You will be enlightened on the wisdom of the ancients - religion, philosophy and the symbology of numbers, which exerts an influence on our lives after many centuries. You will learn about the laws of Universal Justice - the laws of cause and effect by which we bring good or bad upon ourselves and by which we choose our own destiny. You will learn more about the Law of Compensation - a natural law by which you must give to receive. You will be taken on mental journeys to the land of the Ancient Maya in which you can envisage the wisdom and culture of America's most fabulous civilization.

You will receive instructions for greater self-expression - instructions that can help you overcome harmful habits and form new habits that will automatically work for your good. There are instructions to help you adjust your outlook on life, improve your personality, and exercise a greater but good influence on other people.

You will be given a system of living, which embraces success and happiness. It is a system based on life's real values; one which helps you overcome indecision, timidity and unrest; and helps you establish a positive purpose in life leading to accomplishments, which have as their reward economic independence with peace of mind and tranquillity of soul.

You will find instructions, many of them, which will help you increase your spiritual stature and enjoy the rewards of greater faith. Mayanry is not a religion nor does it teach a sectarian belief. It respects every man's religion and strives to increase the meaning of all religion by deeper spiritual understanding. Mayanry teaches TRUTH as many of the world's greatest religionists see it. Through metaphysical interpretations of many of the misunderstood and little understood teachings of Christ, Mayanry gives religion a practical, personal meaning.

The spiritual guidance you receive in Mayanry is stripped of dogma and the psychology of fear. The Mayan belief is that God is a God of Love, and Mayan teachings strive to guide members to the peace and beauty of that Love. They give you a heartening understanding of your relationship with God. They clarify many of Christ's teachings so they become a benefit instead of a mystery to you. They teach you the beauty of meditation, the power of affirmation and help you channel the power of God into your life through a lively, demonstrative faith.

Remember always that everything that is presented to you is attainable if you simply follow the directions exactly as they are given to you.

You are on the road to Mental Mastery. You are taking your first steps forward this moment. In all things, therefore, be worthy, and many revelations will be given to you.

May your desire be constant, may your persistence be enduring and your faith be strong so the blessings of life will be added unto you.

Supreme Leader

Rose Dawn